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PROMOTION OF HINDI ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people taught Hindi in the Indian Missions abroad during each of the last three years, Mission-wise; and

(b) the measures being taken for the promotion of Hindi abroad ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Ministry has made arrangements in Indian Missions for teaching Hindi tointerested persons. The details of persons taught Hindi under this scheme during the last 3 years is placed at Annexure-I.

(b) Ministry has a well formulated scheme of propagation of Hindi abroad. Indian Missions abroad promote and assist in learning of Hindi through correspondence courses conducted by Central Hindi Directorate.

Ministry also supplies books in Hindi on various subjects such as Indian Culture, Art, Literature, Language, History, Philosophy to Indian Missionsfor their Hindi libraries as also for donating to Educational Institutions and Voluntary Organizations engaged in promotion and propagation of Hindi. Teaching material including text books, dictionaries, audio-visual cassettes, computer-software, CD-ROMs etc. are also being sent.The Missions on their part maintain close contacts with local Organizations and Indian Community and fulfil their Hindi language related requirements. They also coordinate the work relating to selection of foreign students for Government of India Scholarships for studying Hindi at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, AgraFor this purpose 50 slots have been allotted to different countries. Some of our Missions have been organizing Hindi Conferences, literary events, Hindi Essay Competitions etc. to promote Hindi in the countries of their accreditation. The VI World Hindi Conference was held in London from 14-18 September, 1999. Liberal financial assistance is given to organizations engaged in the promotion and propagation of Hindi abroad. Hindi forms an integral part of the Foreign Service Institute Training Programme.Intensive training about the Official Language Policy of the Government and its implementation, is given to the officials going on postings abroad.

Annexure - I

Information regarding teaching of Hindi in the Indian Missions abroad during the last three years

S.No.	Mission	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	AHC/I, Kandy	Nil	Nil	48
2.	E/I, Mexico	8	6	3
3.	HCI, London	49	36	36
4.	HCI, Colombo	303	315	448
5.	CGI, Frankfurt	-	-	39
6.	E/I, Buenos Ires	2	3	2
7	E/I, Madrid	Nil	Nil	7
8.	HCI, Islamabad	38	43	40

9. HCI, Windhoek	9	11	12
10. E/I, Cairo	27	11	9
11. E/I, Dublin	-	-	19
12. E/I, Kathmandu	25	25	25
13. E/I, Brussels	8	9	8
14. E/I, Jakarta	16	Nil	Nil
15. E/I, Damascus	10	10	9
16. CGI, Zanzibar	Nil	10	10
Total :	495	479	715